

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

This amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed June 12, 2002. Upon entry of the present Supplemental Amendment, Claims 1-45 and 47-71 will remain pending in this reissue application, Claims 27-28 and 70 having been amended herewith, and Claim 46 having previously been canceled.

The above changes to the specification correct minor informalities and clearly do not add new matter. Likewise, the above changes to Claims 27-28 correct antecedent basis informalities in these claims. The above change to Claim 70 corrects the spelling of --subtraction-- on the penultimate line of Claim 70. No new matter has been added.

In view of the present amendment and in view of the amendment filed on June 12, 2002, this reissue application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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